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This detailed syllabus for a one-semester course entitled Learning and Teaching in Senior High Schools given in conjunction with student teaching presents objectives of the course (including the integration of principles of educational psychology and teaching into the student's experiences in apprentice teaching; assistance to the student in adapting to the policies and practices of his assigned school and in learning to apply alternative policies and innovations; and the development of skills in performing duties as a teacher) and its organization (including the use of a team approach with an educational psychologist, subject-matter specialists, cooperating teachers; and the utilization of the six hours per week of university study). Organized on the basis of spiral development, the syllabus has two parts which are subdivided into units of purpose and further divided into detailed methods. readings, and activities. Part 1, consisting of six units to be given in 16 hours, emphasizes the orientation of the apprentice teacher to his school environment, the teaching skills and curricular materials needed for the early part of the term, and a brief overview of methods and materials; Part 2, organized into 10 units to be given during the remainder of the semester, presents a sustained treatment of the principles of learning and relates them to the teaching of the respective subject-matter specialties of the apprentice teacher. (SM)



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Syllabus for Education 138.13 (One Semester Course) Learning and Teaching in Senior High Schools

Introductory Considerations Underlying Assumptions

- 1. A team approach in which a generalist in educational psychology, a subject matter specialist, the cooperating teachers, and if possible the departmental chairmen of the cooperating teachers, will be used in each college section of the course. The college instructors will visit one another's classes, will meet regularly, and will visit the schools in which their apprentice teachers will serve.
- 2. The cooperating teachers will be selected with care.
- 3. Prior study of the development of urban youth will have been provided in the course titled "Urban Youth" and this study will be further applied in the appropriate situations.
- 4. Throughout the course, the underlying principles of educational psychology will be correlated with the principles and practices of teaching the particular subject area in high schools (methods and materials) and these in turn will be integrated to the optimum degree with the students' experiences in apprentice teaching.
- The course will aim to help the apprentice teacher to adapt himself to the policies and practices prevailing in the school to which he is assigned (in part to dispel the fears and uncertainties of working under rather difficult conditions, if they do exist) and to learn to apply alternative policies and procedures, including innovative ones.
- 6. The six hours per week of university study will be divided approximately into two hours in principles of educational psychology, two hours in methods and materials in the subject specialty, and two hours in discussion of guidance of the students' experiences in apprentice teaching. Provision will be made for large group and small group organization of the study in the university.
- 7. In the course of the term, the apprentice teacher will be given adequate opportunity to observe the performance of all the major duties of the beginning teacher in his subject area and to develop some skill in performing these duties himself.

Organization of the Syllabus

The syllabus is organized on the basis of a spiral development. The first part emphasizes (a) the orientation of the apprentice teacher to his school environment, (b) the teaching skills, curricular materials, and skills



in the performance of non-teaching services that he will need to learn in their elementary aspects in order to get under way during the early part of the term, and (c) a brief overview of methods and materials. Part one consists of six units to be given in approximately 16 hours.

Part Two presents a sustained treatment of the principles of learning and relates them to the teaching of the respective subject matter specialties of the apprentice teachers. It is organized into ten units to be given during the remainder of the semester.

The spiral development of the syllabus also implies that leading and teaching will be considered in their simpler aspects in early units and in their deeper or subtler aspects in later units; e.g., motivation as an element in a lesson, motivation as a spur to further learning, motivation (or the lack of it) in the self-image of many ghetto-dwelling Negroes, and motivation in the establishment of remote goals.

- Part I Unit 1 Establishing Positive Procedures in Class Management at the Beginning of the Term
- 1.1 Orientation of the apprentice teacher to school setting, facilities, routines.
- 1.2 Observing how the cooperating teacher establishes routines and begins pupil accounting for his homeroom (official class), and helping him as requested.
- 1.3 Observing how the cooperating teacher prepares for his subject classes during the first week and how he establishes routines in class management, and helping him as requested.
- 2. Readings Suggested reading for all Units in Part I:

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- 2.1 "Getting Started in the Secondary School" (Manual for New Teachers). Board of Education, City of New York.
- 2.2 Appropriate sections of texts on the principles and practices of teaching in secondary schools; e.g.,
 - 2.2.1 Batchelder et Al: "Student Teaching in Secondary Schools", McGraw-Hill, 1964 (4th edition)
 - 2.2.2 Grambs, Jean D. et Al: "Modern Methods in Secondary Education", Dryden Press, 1958.
 - 2.2.3 Hansen, Kenneth H.: "High School Teaching", Prentice-Hall, 1957

- 2.2.4 Rivlin, Harry N.: "Teaching Adolescents in Secondary Schools", Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1961.
- 2.2.5 A text on principles and practices of teaching the particular subject area of the members of the class (to be selected by the instructor).
- 2.2.6 The syllabus and basic materials of instruction used in the subject department in the school in which the apprentice teacher serves.
- 2.2.7 Bennie, William A.: "Cooperation for Better Student Teaching", Burgess, 1966.
- 2.2.8 Callahan, Sterling G.: "Successful Teaching in Secondary Schools", Scott Foresman, 1966.

3. Activities

- 3.1 Formulation of the functions of the homeroom class in a high school.
- 3.2 Examination of typical records and reports maintained by the homeroom teacher and of the purposes served by each.
- 3.3 Rationalization of selected routine procedures and records in class management established at the beginning of the term.
- 3.4 Comparison of procedures to be routinized and those not to be routinized.
- 3.5 Comparison of routine procedures used in different schools an different departments.
- 3.6 After being assigned and appropriately introduced to his (her) school, each apprentice teacher should find out all he can about 3.6.1 the school, including its exect location, the location
 - of "his" department's classrooms, special facilities, equipment and supplies;
 - 3.6.2 the administrative organization of the school from the principal to the custodian;
 - 3.6.3 the special services offered by the school such as the library, audio-visual center, the guidance services, and the relation of the services to other community agencies.
- 3.7 Each apprentice should have conversations with the principal, administrative assistants, the chairman of his department, and as many teachers as he can as soon as possible. Visiting the teachers' lounge, and eating with the school's staff are excellent ways of getting acquainted and getting to feel a part of the faculty.
- 3.8 From the beginning of his assignment each apprentice teacher should be advised to begin recording his observations at the school.

 Each should be sensitized to observe such categories as the
 - 3.8.1 teacher's personal attributes
 - 3.8.2 teacher's methods of conducting lessons
 - 3.8.3 teacher's handling of classroom routines
 - 3.8.4 teacher's interactions with pupils
 - 3.8.5 teacher's use of various instructional media in the classroom

Part I - Unit 2 Developing Efficient Class Management and Constructive Class Discipline after the Term Gets under Way

1.1 Pupil-participation in class management

1.2 Critical transitional points in period requiring smooth management procedures

1.3 Maintaining records and reports

- 1.4 Relationship of good management to good teaching and learning (and the converse)
- 1.5 Meaning of constructive class discipline and conditions conducive to its establishment
- 1.6 Relationship of good discipline to good teaching and learning (and the converse)
- 1.7 Handling specific types of group infraction and specific types of individual infraction. Discipline as an aspect of guidance.
- 1.8 Initial consideration of the interrelationships between educational psychology and the practices in the above areas.
- 2. Readings No additions
- 3. Activities
 - 3.1 Developing initial skills in observing how the cooperating teacher (a) handles class management and class discipline and in observing the similarities and differences in pupil reaction, the teacher's attitudes and procedures in these areas.
 - 3.2 Considering illustrations and problems presented by the members of the class.

Part I - Unit 3 Knowing Your Pupils

- 1.1 Review of socio-economic composition of the high schools of New York City
- 1.2 Identifying similarities and differences among secondary school pupils (abilities, achievements, personalities, etc.).
- Using cumulative school records of the individual student, with due attention to their usefulness and limitations.
- 1.4 Observing how teachers provide for individual differences in varying situations.
- 2. Readings No additions
- 3. Activities
 - 3.1 Study of the available class profile of a given subject class or of the cumulative record card or envelope of a given student in the subject classes of the cooperating teacher or of his



homeroom class, and justification of whatever fair inferences

may be drawn from the data

3.2 Citing illustrations of item 1.4 and tentatively appraising the effectiveness of the teacher's efforts to capitalize the individual differences even at this early stage in the term.

Learning to Prepare a Plan for One Lesson and To Teach It Part I - Unit 4

Purpose of daily lesson planning 1.1

Component parts of a typical developmental lesson on the high school 1.2 level (introductory consideration of each element)

Indispensable items in the written lesson plan 1.3

Importance of teacher's mastery of the content of the lesson and 1.4 of his readiness to perform effectively (e.g., oral interpretation of the poem to be taught or demonstration of skill in the performance of an "experiment")

Adhering to the plan and varying from it: The novice and the 1.5

experienced teacher

- Securing a balance between the excessively structured lesson 1.6 and the drifting lesson
- Introduction to the principles of learning underlying the above 1.7
- Readings No additions 2.

Activities 3.

3.1 Reports by apprentice teachers of effective lessons given by the respective cooperating teachers analyzed into their component parts (for identification purposes) and synthesized each in terms of the development of its unifying theme or mood or other aim.

3.2 Viewing of a well-developed video-taped lesson and treating it as in 3.1

3.3 Composition by members of the class of plans for actual lessons to be given in the high school and class consideration of suggestions for improvement.

3.4 Viewing a poorly developed video-taped lesson and locating

the points at which learning broke down.

3.5 Comparison of forms of lesson plans used in various high schools to note common and diverse elements.

Overview of the Most Commonly Used Teaching Techniques Part I - Unit 5

The art of questioning 1.1

Conducting a classroom discussion 1.2

Employing effectively the audio-visual aids used most commonly by 1.3 ning teachers (chalkboards, pictures, slides, films, models,



record players, tape recorders, maps, charts)
Basic procedures in using these aids.

- 1.4 The demonstration-discussion lesson
- 1.5 Introduction to the principles of learning underlying the above.
- 2. Readings No additions
- 3. Activities
 - 3.1 Composing three pivotal questions to constitute the framework for a lesson plan on a given topic
 - 3.2 Correcting common errors of novices in the wording of questions
 - 3.3 Analyzing a video-taped lesson for one or more of the following purposes:

 To note how pivotal or key questions and the answers thereto were used for moving the lesson toward the desired goal.

 To note the teacher's skill in securing and building on sustained answers
 - To note and correct common errors in the handling of answers 3.4 Demonstrating the skillful use and organization of the chalk-boards in the various parts of a lesson.
 - 3.5 Teaching by a member of the class of a lesson in the subject specialty on the level of maturity of college seniors by use of visual or auditory aids: Were basic procedures used effectively? What modifications would be needed with a high school class?
 - 3.6 Conducting by a member of the class of a short discussion on an appropriate topic in the subject specialty on the level of maturity of college seniors:

 Were basic procedures used effectively?

 What modifications would be needed with a high school class?

Part I - Unit 6 The Curriculum in An Urban Setting

- 1.1 Definition of the secondary school curriculum in terms of a vehicle for achieving the goals of the school.
- 1.2 Analysis of various curriculum patterns in schools serving specific
- 1.3 Relating the prescribed curricular offerings (by state and/or city and school) to the problems of meeting the needs of youth in urban settings.
- 1.4 Identifying the radical curricular modifications and changes taking place in secondary schools with some attention to causes.
- 1.5 Understanding that curricular offerings are means for achieving ends and not ends themselves.
- Noting the major structural components of the specific curriculum areas. These components can best be understood by identifying the major unifying themes, the principal methods or paths of development



and investigation, and by understanding some of the limitations as well as the strengths and contributions of the several subject disciplines.

2. Readings: The various curriculum bulletins in the several subject fields at the state, city, and national levels.

3. Activities:

- 3.1 Each apprentice teacher should make a careful analysis of the prescribed curricular offerings for his field. In such an analysis he should determine requirements of the state, city and the specific school for understanding differences and similarities.
- 3.2 Each apprentice teacher should make a study of the "structure" of his special discipline or disciplines with especial attention to the major unifying themes.
- 3.3 Each apprentice teacher should identify structural changes in his discipline over the years. Teachers must understand that while an understanding of "structure" enhances the process of conceptualization and cognitive learning, the structure itself is not immutable, e.g., discovery that the "flat" earth was "round", or that "matter and energy are essentially equivalent" as per Einstein.

Part II - Introductory Considerations

- 1. Each of the ten units is organized as follows:
 - 1.1 The principles of learning underlying the unit and several applications of these principles are set forth in summary terms.
 - 1.2 The correlated principles and practices of teaching are stated or briefly described, unless they are given or clearly implied in 1.1
 - The specific applications of the principles referred to above to the teaching of the respective subject specialties and the treatment of the materials of instruction in the specialties are left to the subject specialists.
 - 1.3 Some activities of members of the class (large group or small group) are suggested.
 - 1.4 Reading assignments and, in some cases, other types of independent work are stated in general terms, the specifics being left to the individual instructor.
- 2. Part II begins with the general reading list and describes the units. The appendices contain lists of films, further references, and a set of supplementary observations.



General Reading List

It is suggested that the student be required to purchase one textbook in educational psychology of which the following are typical and currently popular:

Cronbach, Lee. Educational Psychology. (2nd ed.) New York: Harcourt, Brace and World, 1963.

Klausmeier, H. J. & Goodman, W. Learning and Human Abilities. (2nd

ed). New York: Harper & Row, 1961.

McDonald, Fred. Educational Psychology. (2nd ed). Belmont, Calif.: Wadsworth, 1965.

In addition the following paperbacks would be worthwhile during the course of study and as references later on:

Mager, R. F. Preparing Objectives for Programmed Instruction. San Francisco: Fearon, 1961. (also a later edition called Preparing Instructional Objectives, 1964). A programmed textbook, it is a very handy one for learning how to state classroom objectives in behavioral terms.

Green, D. R. Educational Psychology. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.:
Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1964. This gets down to the core of school learning;
for example, one chapter (Chapter 3) is called Schools, School Teachers and
School Subjects. Each section is illustrated with examples from classroom
teaching. A must!

Woodruff, A. D. Basic Concepts in Teaching. San Francisco: Chandler, 1961. It gives the prospective teacher a workable set of ideas of what a teacher does when he teaches a class. This is the work of an educational psychologist working with school faculty members. It specifies step-by-step what the teacher does when teaching (e.g., teaching a concept) and parallels this to what the learner is doing. It includes many very practical teaching requirements; e.g., steps in carrying on a discussion, steps in using role playing (and why role playing is used), steps in developing concepts or principles, and how to conduct buzz sessions. It is a "cook-book" but every "recipe" is nicely tied to the philosophy of the school and to psychological principles.

Carpenter, F. & Haddan, E.E. Systematic Application of Psychology to Education. New York: Macmillan, 1964. This book is just what the title says. It develops learning principles in conjunction with the teaching processes. This book is suggested specifically for the chapters on analysis of the lecture; the group discussion, the motion picture, the field trips, and automated devices and programmed materials. It is very much a "how-to-do-it" book.

Sarason, S. B., Davison, K., & Blatt, B. The Preparation of Teachers:
An Unstudied Problem in Education. New York: Wiley, 1962. It is probably
more for the teacher of teachers than for the student-teacher. Nevertheless,
there is much of value in this book for the student teacher on such topics as
a detailed account of what a teacher (in the elementary school) does in the
course of a classroom day, and the importance of the teacher as an observer.

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Tyler, L. E. Tests and Measurements. Englewood Cliffs, N.J. Prentice-Hall, 1963. It contains just about all that the beginning teacher should



know about tests and measurements. It would overlap the chapters in the typical educational psychology textbook, however.

Bloom, B. S. et. al. Compensatory Education for Cultural Deprivation.
New York: Holt, 1965. An excellent book, it describes the issues and objectives of compensatory education. It contains annotated bibliography of studies related to compensatory education.

Bruner, J. S. The Process of Education. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1961. It takes a critical look at education, with suggestions for improvement. It should be recognized as being only one view and can be a good basis for discussion.

Part II - Unit I Understanding the Learning-Teaching Process Applied Principles of Learning

- 1. The teacher must be able to understand the purposes, fundamental principles and methodology of the study of learning in order to relate learning principles (what the pupil does) to teaching processes (what the teacher does).
 - 1.1 Distinguishing behavior as performing or reacting from learning as a change in behavior.
 - 1.2 Learning to state behavioral objectives (what the student does in given situations).
 - 1.3 Analyzing the learning process into its elements.
 (e.g., readiness, motivation, situation, interpretation of situation by the student: directing the interpretation to an end to be achieved; evaluating the validity of the interpretation in terms of the goal or other acceptable interpretation).
 - 1.4 Analyzing the teaching counterparts of the learning process (e.g., teacher diagnoses the differences in pupils; teacher provides for motivation; teacher sets the situation; pupils and teacher work out objectives; content provides interpretation; teacher evaluates).

2. Readings

- 2.1 Mager, R. F. Preparing Instructional Objectives. San Francisco: Fearon, 1961. (Entire book)
- 2.2 Green, D. R. Op. cit. Ch. 3 and 5.

3. Activities

3.1 Professor and student teacher observe a film of a classroom in action. Each records what he observes. Discussion directed toward differences in perception between naive and sophisticated observer. Show how biases may influence perception; e.g., what



the observer would see if he viewed the film from the point of view of a) a reinforcement theorist; b) a phenomenologist; c) a cognitive theorist; d) an interaction analyst; e) a developmental psychologist; etc.

3.2 Prepare several behavioral objectives to represent a course of study in the student-teacher's area of interest. Emphasis should be on writing good behavioral objectives, rather than on describing the entire course. Perhaps students in each methods section can be assigned different parts of their course so that a "package" of behavioral objectives can be made available to the entire group.

Correlated Principles and Practice of Teaching
(In addition to those expressed or clearly implied above)

- 1.1 The teacher should understand the purposes of education in our democracy, if only in their elementary aspects at first
 - Exploration of the formulation of these goals by the Educational Policies Commission of the N.E.A., which is stated in behavioral terms, or of any other comparable formulation.
- 1.2 The teacher should understand how some formulation of the goals of secondary education (stated in behavioral terms) fits into 1 above; e.g., Will French and Associates: "Behavioral Goals of General Education in High School" (limited to the general education aspects of secondary education)
- 1.3 The teacher should understand, if only through overview at first, how his subject specialty can contribute in behavioral terms to the realization of the goals of secondary education.
- 1.4 The teacher should be able to analyze in behavioral terms the objectives of the course of study of each grade in his specialty which he will teach.
- 1.5 The teacher should understand that all of the above principles should constitute the continuing and controlling frame of references for all of his planning and other activities.
- 2. Readings: See 1.1, 1.2, 1.4
- 3. Activities: See Applied Principles of Learning in this unit, Item 3.2



Part II - Unit 2 Motivating the Pupil

Applied Principles of Learning

- 1. The teacher must be able to establish classrooms in which pupils are productively task-oriented.
 - 1.1 Intrinsic motives and their exploitation (achievement motive; curiosity; affiliation motive).
 - 1.2 Reducing the effects of disruptive motives.
 - 1.3 Distinguishing between the effects of rewards and punishments and the effects of success and failure.
 - 1.4 Helping pupils to maximize the information value provided by errors or mistakes.
 - 1.5 Understanding and employing knowledge about the self-image of the pupil and level of aspiration. (The teacher must do what he can to eliminate or to minimize the effects of previously established constraints from family, social milieu, and school upon level of aspiration, self-image, exploration and curiosity).
 - 1.6 Optimal phasing in feedback from the teacher to give the rewarding functions back to the learner in the task.
 - 1.7 Understanding the need for stating by pupil and teacher of short-range, intermediate, and long-range goals. The school activity must have some value for the pupils. Teachers must help pupils work toward remote rewards.
 - 1.8 Understanding the reward value of different incentives for varying groups.
 - 1.9 Understanding the effects of reinforcement process, need reduction, schedules of reinforcement in increasing pupil activity, etc.

2. Readings:

- 2.1 Green, Chapter 4.
- 2.2 Murray, E. J. Motivation and Emotion. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 1964. Chs. 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

3. Activities:

- 3.1 Films e.g., individual motivation and behavior.
- 3.2 Learn to observe motivational factors in the classroom. Emphasize observation of extent of rewards and punishment by teacher and by pupils of individual pupil's behavior. Do similarly for evidence of success and failure. What effects do these have on the pupil's later behavior? Are children from different socio-economic classes treated differently? Do they react differently? What provision has the teacher made for motivation in introducing the lesson? What provision would the apprentice teacher have made? Is there evidence of capitalizing on the intrinsic



and social motives?

Correlated Principles and Practice of Teaching
(In addition to those expressed or clearly implied above)

1.1 Thinking of motivation as a reflection of the student's emotional and intellectual needs, enables the teacher to plan in larger terms than the single class period.

1.2 The unit of instruction and the individual lessons therein should, as far as is possible, begin at points of application in the lives of the pupils.

1.3 There are effective ways of arousing and sustaining interest in unit topics or themes and in the topics of individual lessons when the sense of need is remote.

- 1.4 Both the teacher and the class must understand and accept the specific objectives and the ultimate purposes of the proposed learning activities.
 - 1.4.1 Planning class activities in terms of specific objectives 1.4.2 Cooperative planning with the class
- 1.5 In the motivation of the single lesson, there are temporarily effective ways of arousing curiosity or initial interest and ways of creating and sustaining interest intrinsic to the activity or topic.
- 1.6 By varying his teaching style, the teacher can keep interest whetted, particularly when and if it lags in the course of a long unit of work.
- 2. Readings: Section on motivation in texts in methods and materials in the specialty, at the choice of the individual instructor.

3. Activities:

3.1 In preparation for an actual lesson to be given in high school, each apprentice teacher will formulate the chief specific objective of the lesson (in behavioral terms), how he will lead the class to accept his aim, how he will "motivate the lesson", and how he will sustain the motivation throughout the lesson.

Note: "Unit teaching" is deferred to later sections of the course.



Part II - Unit 3 Facilitating Transfer and Retention

Applied Principles of Learning

- 1.1 All learning involves transfer of previous experiences. Previous experiences may hinder (negative transfer), have no effect upon (zero transfer), or facilitate (positive transfer) new learning.
- 1.2 The teacher should understand the fundamentals of transfer and their effect on educational practice. Early notions of formal discipline led to curricular content that emphasized the development of "mental disciplines" for which the content was only a vehicle to develop such abilities as memory, concentration, will-power, etc. The notion of identical elements, though valid, at first led to curricula that emphasized the specific applications pupils had to make and that was characterized by the "vocational school" approach. It is impractical if not impossible for the school to teach for every specific situation. The identification of the notion that principles transfer led to a more balanced curriculum.
- 1.3 Facts, skills, attitudes, and methods all transfer to affect new learning. Of particular importance for the teacher is the recognition of nonspecific transfer, cutting across all subject matter areas, known as "learning-how-to-learn" (study habits, reading skills, etc.). It is quite likely that this is the major deficiency of the "culturally deprived" and the most important objective of compensatory education, as well as of all education.
- Although transfer will occur automatically, without direction it may result in negative transfer because of pupil misunderstanding, failure to see applications, etc. Transfer occurs only to the extent that pupils see similarities among situations. To assure that positive transfer occurs, the teacher must have student under stand principles thoroughly and must provide opportunity for applying each and every principle, concept, attitude, and skill that is taught. The more varied the applications the better the transfer. Especially important are applications is situations in which urban youth will find themselves later. See Units 4, 5, 6 below (Acquiring Concepts, Changing Attidues, Developing Skills)
- 1.5 The teacher should understand similarities and differences between retention and forgetting.
- 1.6 The teacher should know explanations for forgetting: Retroactive inhibition (forgetting due to interference by activities occurring between learning and the time of testing); proactive inhibition (forgetting due to interference from all activities prior to learning the material to be tested); repression (forgetting of unpleasant ideas); changes in the situation in which material is tested as compared to the situation in which material was originally learned.
- 1.7 To facilitate transfer and retention, the teacher can
 1.7.1 provide structure in the form of advance organizers prior
 to teaching a unit a kind of overview.



- 1.7.2 provide applications meaningful to the pupil in terms of his prior experience.
- 1.7.3 provide for "learning-to-learn"; e. g., whatever the teacher does with respect to learning how to write an essay (even though he is a social studies or a science teacher) is bound to have an influence on how the student writes a paper for another course. Teachers must be united in carrying out their responsibilities for teaching transcurricular skills such as reading, good language habits, study habits, writing, etc.
- 1.7.4 provide for overlearning. One of the most important factors in memory is that the material to be learned is rehearsed, reviewed, drilled, related to earlier learnings, made meaningful, etc. Recall is enhanced when the individual first reads about a topic, then hears a discussion of the topic, then does laboratory exercise on the topic, then reports on the laboratory exercise. Each activity adds one more degree of "overlearning".
- 1.7.5 provide for distributed practice. The teacher should not attempt to go on to another phase of the topic before the first is thoroughly learned. He should then give some break or rest period between the two (perhaps a second day is needed). He should make certain to review the topic in one way or another fairly soon after initial learning. He should use the spiral development method; i.e., use the material learned throughout your course. He should not think of a unit as something with an "end" and then drop it. A unit has no end, it is only the beginning on which we continually build.
- 1.7.6 help students plan course schedules so that one course does not interfere with the other. For example, the beginning student with no foreign language facility will experience considerable difficulty if he takes Spanish the first period of the day followed by French the second period. It is best to plan courses that complement each other (that is, do not interfere with each other or do not lead to confusing similarities) or that are totally distinct.

2. Readings:

- 2.1 Green, on. cit. Review Chapter 4 and read Chapters 1 and 5.
- 2.2 Mednick, S. A. Learning. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1964. Chapters 6 and 7.
- 2.3 Carpenter and Haddan. op.cit. Chapters 10-14 inclusive.
- 2.4 Bruner, J. Process of Education.

3. Activities:

3.1 Observe a classroom and emphasize in your observations the provisions made by the teacher for transfer. Report to the class what provisions might have been made but were not. Did

the teacher relate the material taught to the needs of urban youth represented in her class? To the problems of adolescents? To the pupils' vocational goals?

- 3.2 Discuss in the teaching methods section of the course how transfer is provided for in the student-teacher's field. Take specific topics and discuss all ramifications of each so that student-teacher's grasp the "how-to's" of transfer. Do not discuss general notions of transfer in the methods section. However, when making specific applications be certain underlying principles are designated.
- Observe a class and determine how teacher provides for principles of retention in assignments, class activities, and presentation. Are overlapping activities fuzzy or made distinct? Is the structure of the material being presented clear? Provision for overview? Overlearning review? Rehearsal? Relating to pupil's previously acquired knowledge? etc.

Correlated Principles and Practice of Teaching

- 1. No additions
- 2. No additions
- . 3. No additions

Part II - Unit 4 Helping Pupils Acquire Concepts

Applied Principles of Learning

1.1 The teacher should recognize that any concept or body of knowledge can be represented as

a set of actions to be performed

summary images that "stand for" the subject (e.g., the term Magna Carta stands for all characteristics of constitutionality; ag. = silver; F = force)

symbolic or logical proposition governed by well-defined laws (See-saw represented by Newton's law of moments).

- 1.2 The teacher should identify the important concepts to be taught in his subject-matter field.
- 1.3 He should know how concepts affect behavior.
- 1.4 He should know how language affects concept formation: verbal mediation; differences in language and meaning among different



sub-culture groups (e.g. the "dialectology" of Negro migrants

from the rural South).

How pupils organize knowledge; how they learn to perceive; how they learn characteristics associated with symbols; how they learn to discriminate, to form categories, classifications, groups, etc. from their experiences.

1.6 The teacher must make provision for applying concepts in his subject-matter field to appropriate situations in the student's

everyday experience.

1.7 The teacher must decide by use of appropriate diagnostic procedures at which levels pupils are operating and the levels at which given pupils are to be taught. Premature symbolization may impair deeper learning.

1.8 The teacher must realize that not everything about a given concept can be learned at once. This means that concepts must be

revisited and reported with different emphases.

1.9 The presentation of material in concept formation must consider the complexity of material, the size of steps and the order of presentation.

1.10 The teacher must learn how to utilize cultural patterns in enriching concepts; e.g., capitalizing on the varied background and experiences of the many pupils in his classes; also eliminating distortions and misconceptions due to cultural patterns.

1.11 Specific teaching techniques would include such procedures as the

following:

- 1.11.1 demonstration: showing pupils what and how to perceive and providing for discrimination.
- 1.11.2 comparing and contrasting different and opposing categories of concept (e.g., democracies and monarchies; classifying art objects into representational and abstract; noting similarities and differences between compounds and solutions, etc.).
- 1.11.3 relating observations to other things included in the category (What other things do you know about that are compounds? What artists do you know about that tend to paint representational pictures? etc.)
- 1.11.4 making certain that the above principles are employed regardless of the concept being taught and techniques being used. For example, if the field trip is to be used to develop a concept, the mere visit to a museum, zoo, etc. is a wasteful procedure unless some provision is made for perceiving, classifying, etc.

Note on readings and activities for Units 4, 5, and 6:

Although these units must necessarily be treated separately, there will be common elements among them, especially with regard to activities. The readings and activities for all these units are set forth below:



2. Readings:

- Woodruff, A. D. op. cit. Chapter 7 "Planning for teaching of concepts", including how to use large and small group discussions, lectures, special reports, questions and answers; story-telling, and role-playing. Chapter 8 "Planning for teaching motor skills"
- Green, D. R. op. cit. Chapter 2 "Students" and Chapter 6 "The effects of schooling". Both chapters discuss attitude formation.
- 3. Activities: As each unit is presented the apprentice teacher's main activities should be as follows:
 - 3.1 Prepare a lesson plan to teach a lesson in conceptformation, skills, or attitude depending on the unit
 being studied. The lesson plan should consider everything taught in the term thus far. It should have a
 clear behavioral objective; a statement of how motivation will be provided for; how the principles of concept
 formation (skills or attitudes) will be considered in the
 presentation of content; what media will be used; where
 they will be used; what provision will be made for retention; how the urban setting will be considered; what
 special teaching techniques (group discussion, films, etc.)
 will be employed, etc.
 - 3.2 The lesson (only 1 period long) will be tought in the high school by the student as planned. Another apprentice teacher will observe the lesson and provide constructive criticism. Problems will be discussed in the college class.
 - 3.3 This plan of activities requires that each apprentice teacher prepare three lesson plans in detail and then teach from each in his high school classes.
 - It is suggested that each student prepare a different lesson for each end-product (concepts, attitudes, and skills) so that by sharing these with the methods class as a whole, the students will have a set of carefully prepared lesson plans with which to begin their teaching assignments as appointed teachers.
 - 3.5 The activities in units 4,5,6 of Part II should augment the over view of the curriculum which was done in unit 6 of Part I.

Each apprentice should identify the major curriculum concepts which will be pertinent to the achievement of the aims established for the term.

For each major concept, a minimum of three behavioral objectives should be stated. Emphasis should always be on what the student can do once he has achieved information or learned a given concept, e.g. the student



identifies, formulates, discriminates, isolates, classifies, demonstrates, illustrates, solves, etc., and not just realizes, understands or knows.

For each behavioral objective the apprentice should list one or more pupil activities which the pupils must perform in order to learn or to reinforce his knowledge of the particular concept. Care should be taken to assure that the activities are realistically related to the experiences and needs of urban youth. After deciding the pupil activities, attention should be given to those activities which are to be performed by the apprentice teacher.

Next, each apprentice should write sample test items of various types to indicate how he would measure the outcomes of the activities he suggested in #3.

In his college class discussions with his supervisor the suggested activities should be analyzed and criticized. There should be discussions and demonstrations of other methods and techniques of teaching-learning, and reinforcing the concepts under consideration.

Each apprentice should write a lesson plan for teaching a single concept in his field. He should design the lesson plan in accordance with the behavioral objectives stated in #2, the pupil activities listed in #3, and the teacher activities listed in #3.

The lesson should be conducted with the class for whom it was designed, preferably under the observation of the college supervisor and the cooperating teacher.

The lesson should be evaluated cooperately by the apprentice, the supervisor, and the cooperating teacher, with due attention to the psychological principles and components of concept formation.

Correlated Principles and Practices of Teaching (In addition to those expressed or clearly implied above)

1.1 Concepts are frequently learned and taught at the high school level in the lesson pattern commonly denominated (at least in the New York City high schools) as the developmental lesson.

1.2 Central to the planning and conducting of a developmental lesson is the art of questioning, particularly the composition of carefully worded pivotal questions, the skillful treatment of pupils' answers



to assure a clearly conceived line of development, and the encouragement of students to ask thoughtful questions. Through such questioning, discrimination and partial generalizations are expressed (and tested) in remedial summaries and formulation of the concept(s) and its (their) application in the final summary.

- 1.3 The basic characteristics of good questions may be summarized as follows:
 - 1.3.1 They challenge thinking and invite solutions
 - 1.3.2 They are clear and readily understood
 - 1.3.3 They are intended to elicit the kind or response that will contribute to the progress of the discussion (demonstration, etc.)
 - 1.3.4 They are arranged in a purposeful order
- 1.4 There are crude and skillful ways to treat students' answers of various types (no answer-unimportant answer-significant answer-incorrect answer-poorly or incorrectly expressed answer, etc.)
- 1.5 The teacher's instruction in all types of lessons is enriched by his discovering the questions, individual and common, that concern the students in his classes
- 2. Reading: The section on the Art of questioning in the texts on teaching in high school and/or in the texts in the teaching of the subject specialty.
- 3. Activities: Same as those recommended in Applied Principles of Learning

Part II - Unit 5 Developing and Changing Pupil Attitudes

Applied Principles of Learning

- 1.1 The teacher must recognize the affective (emotional) characteristics of attitudes as different from the cognitive characteristics of concepts; that is, attitudes include prejudices, biases, interests, values, opinions, preferences, etc. Furthermore, all involve a degree of "like-dislike" qualities, of "approach-avoidance" behavior. Teacher must understand that deep-seated feelings of this sort, since they have been experienced, make attitude change difficult.
- 1.2 Teacher must learn to reinforce existing desirable attitudes, to modify incompletely developed attitudes, to change socially disruptive attitudes, and to help pupils form desirable attitudes where none exist.
- 1.3 The teacher should identify attitudes that must be taught in his subject matter area.



- 1.4 The teacher must be aware of the opportunities in an urban setting that favor the development of desirable attitudes toward art, music, science, etc.
- 1.5 The teacher must be aware of the elements in the urban setting which cause the development of undesirable attitudes, such as prejudices and ungrounded opinions; e.g. political, racial, religious biases.
- 1.6 The teacher must understand the role of identification and imitation in the development of attitudes.
- 1.7 The teacher must understand the role of insecurity, frustration of needs, etc. in the development of attitudes.
- 1.8 Through his efforts to modify attitudes, the teacher should understand the kinds of deep-seated personal qualities that lead to flexibility or to rigidity (e.g. open-mindedness vs. close-mindedness; authoritarian personality; internal vs. external orientations).
- 1.9 The teacher must understand how urban secondary school teachers' attitudes and personalities indirectly affect the attitudes of pupils.
- 1.10 The teacher must understand how to make special provisions for effecting attitude change. All teaching techniques must take into consideration:
 - 1.10.1 The emotional component of attitudes: making a teaching situation pleasant by providing opportunities for pleasant associations and pleasant expressions and avoiding frustrations and insecurity.
 - 1.10.2 Providing for directed observation. Just visiting an area without guidance, just allowing the student to observe by himself may lead him to see only those things that are in accord with his biases and prejudices. Thus, he does not change; his existing biases are reinforced.
 - 1.10.3 Providing for realistic models with whom urban children can identify. The teacher should be certain that the identifying figures are important to the pupils.
 - 1.10.4 Providing group discussion: Are the participants compatible? Does the group come to a decision?
 - 1.10.5 Providing lectures and talks: Does the speaker appeal to the group? Is he considered one who should know the value of a given attitude?
- 2. Readings: See 2 under Unit 4.
- 3. Activities: See 2 under Unit 4.
 - 3.1 See 3 under Unit 4.
 - Each apprentice should identify the major attitudinal attributes which his subject area seeks to enhance or change. A careful listing of typical biases, prejudices, superstitions, stereotypes, and local misconceptions should be compiled to serve as a guide.



For each attitudinal attribute, write at least three behavioral objectives. Here, emphasis should be placed on how the pupil acts or reacts in situations evoking affective responses such as withholding judgment expressing appreciation, tolerating a strange point of view or simply responding or failing to respond in class.

Since changes in attitudes are harder to achieve than concept formation, the apprentice teacher must be reminded emphatically that the procedures and activities suggested in unit 4 probably will not suffice. Here, each apprentice teacher should, after careful classroom examination of this problem, make a listing of situations and techniques, besides personal contact by teachers, for achieving the desired attitude change, e.g. role playing, discussions, movies and other instructional media.

Each apprentice should write a complete lesson plan designed to change pupils' attitudes toward something in particular, such as a group of persons, places, processes, or things.

Each apprentice should indicate specifically how he proposes to evaluate the changes he seeks to cause by teaching the lesson.

The lesson should be taught preferably under observation of the appropriate personnel.

The evaluation should be done cooperatively.

Part II - Unit 5 Correlated Principles and Practices of Teaching

- 1.1 The development of desirable attitudes must be planned as carefully as (and perhaps with deeper insight into the social psychology of adolescence than) growth in knowledge and skills.
- 1.2 The bias of high school students against some subjects or against certain aspects of subjects prior to their exposure to these subjects can be modified or eliminated, not by direct attack, but by creating many, varied, and sustained opportunities for satisfying, active learning experiences. Illustrative of these biases are girls' fear of mathematics, boys' indifference to or dislike of poetry.

1.3 There are effective techniques for the teaching of lessons and



units in appreciation of literature, art, music and the affective and aesthetic aspects of all other subjects, such as pride in good workmanship. Indispensable to all such learning processes are the development of a sense of personal involvement on the part of the pupil and beginning at the level of taste and maturity of the group.

- 1.4 There are intersting techniques in the conduct of classroom discussion aimed at modifying stereotyping of sub-cultures (at least at the verbal level), at changing attitudes toward contemporary or past groups, at sensing the heroic in common people, etc.
- 1.5 Teachers sponsoring co-curricular and after-school activities can develop ways of changing attitudes that can be applied in their conduct of the regular curriculum.

2. Readings:

Sections on the development of appreciation and on discussion as a way of learning in texts on principles of teaching in high schools and in texts in methods of teaching the subject specialties..

3. Activities:

See those recommended under Applied Principles of Learning. One of the three lesson plans should be concerned largely with the developing or changing of attitudes.

Part II - Unit 6 Helping Pupils Master and Apply Skills Applied Principles of Learning

- 1.1 The teacher should identify skills he must teach in his subject matter area.
- 1.2 He must plan an operational analysis of the sequence of activities in the performance of the skill.
- 1.3 He should understand the steps in teaching a skill:
 - 1.3.1 Teacher demonstrates a skill in its entirety to provide some criterion of performance as a model to be achieved by the pupil and against which he can compare his own progress.
 - 1.3.2 The student makes a verbal analysis of his observations of the demonstration.
 - 1.3.3 The teacher demonstrates each part of the skill in isolation from the others.
 - 1.3.4 The student gets an opportunity to make a first attempt at the skill in its entirety.



- 1.3.5 The teacher monitors practice, provides guidance, provides opportunity to practice parts of the skill that need to be developed further, provides knowledge of progress, and offers opportunities to apply skills.
- 1.4 The teacher understands the psychological bases that differentiate skilled from unskilled persons in order to better understand how skills are learned:
 - 1.4.1 How they differentiate cues.
 - 1.4.2 How they differ in feedback from internal (kinesthetic and proprioceptive) cues and how they differ in correction.
 - 1.4.3 How they differ in their coordination of movements.
 - 1.4.4 How they differ in their performance under stress.
- 1.5 The teacher must understand the similarities and differences between the development of strictly motor and the development of cognitive skills.
- 1.6 Here are some special procedures that may be helpful. Film-strips and slow motion films help in the analysis of movements. In the development of motor skills, it helps to use procedures that emphasize cues from certain muscular movements rather than cues from visual sense. In typewriting, the cues for speed-typing should come from the "feel" of the fingers, not from looking at the keyboard. Thus, removing the letters from the keyboard make the pupil independent of the visual cues. Similarly, blocking the lower half of the visual field may help in perfecting the foul shot in basketball since it emphasizes muscular cues associated with the foul shot. Good demonstration by skilled performers are helpful. Most essential, however, is providing for practice with frequent monitoring for the correction of mistakes and attention to "good form".
- 2. Readings: See 2 under Unit 4.
- 3. Activities:
 - 3.1 See 3 under Unit 4.
 - 3.2 Each apprentice should identify the major skills in his specialty which will be pertinent to achieving the outcomes stated for the term.

For each specific skill identified, apprentices should write the behavioral attributes to be sought in the teaching of the respective skills, e.g., the pupils use the card catalog of the library in locating reference material; the pupils handle and use apparatus in safe and proper fashions; or the pupils accurately type a minimum of forty words per minute after a certain period of instruction.

For some major skills identified in #1, each apprentice teacher should make careful analyses of the proper steps to be followed in acquiring and mastering them. Here



careful attention must be given to the psychological aspects of skill formation, such as effects of demonstrations, mediation, practice, and monitoring.

Each apprentice should plan a lesson, based on activities #1, 2 and 3, for teaching a specific skill in his field.

Opportunity should be provided for the skill-lesson to be taught, preferably under observation by appropriate personnel.

The lesson should be evaluated cooperatively.

Part II - Unit 6 Correlated Principles and Practices of Teaching

- 1. No additions.
- 2. Readings: See 2 under Unit 4.
- 3. Activities: See 3 under Unit 4.

Part II - Unit 7 Enhancing Productive Thinking

Applied Principles of Learning

- 1.1 The teacher must understand that the reasoning processes are special cases of transfer. Reasoning cuts across all curricula and subject-matter areas.
- 1.2 Problem-solving includes the integration of acquired knowledge, orientated toward arriving at an answer to a question, in such a manner that the student arrives at a solution unique to him.
- 1.3 The teacher must distinguish between mere exercises that require only application of a formula and the solution of problems.
- 1.4 The teacher should compare the advantages, disadvantages, and application of reception methods of teaching with discovery methods.
- 1.5 The teacher should compare the advantages, disadvantages, and applications of inductive methods with use of deductive methods.
- The teacher should recognize factors that inhibit problem-solving; e.g., set, rigidity, over-motivation, anxiety, and such personality factors as dogmatism.



1.7 The teacher should know how good problem-solvers differ from poor problem-solvers; e.g., good problem-solvers restructure the problem in their own words but poor-problem-solvers give up if they do not understand the question as it stands, etc. See Bloom and Broder: "Problem Solving in College Students".

1.8 The teacher should understand factors that comprise the intellect as they are related to productive thinking. (Guilford's study of "The Three Faces of Intelligence"). He should distinguish between

convergent and divergent thinking.

1.9 The teacher should know how creative pupils behave in school, how teachers react to such pupils, and the relationship between creativity and school achievement. (See Jackson and Getzel's study of high-school students).

- 1.10 Productive thinking and creativity an be encouraged by brain-storming and eliminating the effect of stress and other detrimental factors. Creativity and problem-solving take time. A pupil should not be expected to come up with an original poem in the last five minutes of class. Recognizing the stages of creativity (such as preparation, incubation, testing alternatives, verification) is helpful to the teacher who wishes to encourage creative expression.
- 1.11 Problem-solving requires exploration of ideas to arrive at novel solutions. Consider the fact that within an urban area there are many subcultural groups. Experiences in some subcultural groups are such that they predispose a pupil to explore with impunity. Other subcultural groups predispose a child not to explore or to consider alternatives; he wants to identify only the correct solution that adults want. The teacher must minimize the ris of exploration.

2. Readings:

Aschner, M.J. & Bish, C.E. Productive Thinking in Education.

NEA and Carnegie Foundation, 1965. (\$3.00) The contents of the chapters in this book are closely related to the objectives described in the syllabus. Each chapter is followed by a brief summary of "implications for teaching". It is suggested that the professor decide which chapters will be required reading by the student. However, it is likely he will choose to have students read all "Implications for Teaching" and Part 4, "Education for Productive Thinking", at the least.

3. Activities:

- 3.1 The same as for units 4-6 except that the emphasis will be on the use of the discovery method in solving problems.
- By the time this unit is undertaken, it is presumed that the apprentice teacher will have planned for, and taught, lessons specifically for promoting concept formation, attitudinal formation and change, and for acquiring skills. Thus, the apprentice should be ready to plan and teach lessons encompassing more complex procedures for broader



outcomes. They should begin to integrate cognitive, affective, and psychomotor principles into single lessons, emphasizing all the time that procedures for teaching, learning and evaluating in each domain are different although they are all directed toward the singular end of learning (behavior change).

Correlated Principles and Practices of Teaching

- 1.1 The organization of the content and the methodology of a high school subject or of a section of it into unit teaching makes available richer opportunities than the traditional organization and methodology for enhancing productive thinking of both the problem solving and the creative forms.
- 1.2 The introduction of unit teaching at this point in the course offers an opportunity to review the principles of learning and of teaching treated thus far, but applied in a more extensive setting than the single lesson. Study of units 8, 9, and 10 that follow will afford the teacher further insight and teaching techniques for use in unit teaching.
- 1.3 The rather wide-spread adoption of the concept of unit teaching has lent renewed importance to the ability to study, to learn on one's own, and to apply this ability in the social context of work in committees and reporting to the entire group.
- 1.4 There are effective techniques for creating the atmosphere conducive to creative expression and to self-expression that is creative for the individual though it may be commonplace in quality as compared with external standards.

2. Readings:

- 2.1 The section of texts on principles and practices in secondary education on unit teaching and the section of texts in the various specialties on unit teaching in the respective subjects.
- 2.2 The section of the above two types of text devoted to the improvement of work and study skills under the broad contemporary concept of study.

3. Activities:

- Let each member of the class plan a very short unit or subunit of work in his subject field, following the interpretation or adaptation of the concept of unit teaching accepted by the department in which he is studying as an apprentice teacher. Let him prepare a detailed first lesson in the unit or subunit commonly denominated the overview.
- 3.2 Let each member of the class select some one specific



study skill needed by one or more members of one of the high school classes (such as skimming in rapid reading, locating information in the library, interpreting a chart or graph, etc.) and let him guide the individual or the small group to master the skill for their purposes.

3.3 Let several members of the class observe several sessions of a class or co-curricular or after-school group engaged in creative self-expression in any area, not necessarily his own specialty, and have them report to the class on the techniques used by the teachers or sponsors.

Part II - Unit 8 Establishing a Wholesome Classroom Climate Applied Principles of Learning

- 1.1 The teacher must understand the mental health of the teacher and of the pupil as they affect the teacher's ability to establish learning environments free of emotionally disruptive conditions (extreme hostility, anxiety, aggression, fear, withdrawal, etc).
- 1.2 The teacher can promote the pupils' mental health through an understanding of personality integration and "coping behavior".
- 1.3 The teacher should understand the emotional problems experienced by pupils and the personal-social factors leading to these problems, especially those factors and conditions that are peculiar to adolescence and to dwelling in an urban area.
- 1.4 The teacher should recognize symptoms of deviant behavior, whether personal or social, that suggest referral to the proper personnel services. He should know the personnel services available and what sorts of service each provides. Under no circumstances is the teacher to attempt remedies of students' deviant behavior.
- 1.5 The teacher should understand the dynamics of social relations within the classroom: leaders and followers; cooperation and competition; teacher and pupil interaction; pupil and pupil interactions; the relationships between teacher personality style and pupils' personality styles; functioning of groups within class as they influence the general behavior of the class and the class structure, etc.
- 1.6 The teacher should understand how discipline problems arise, how to avoid discipline problems, what to do about unavoidable discipline problems. He should recognize the early symptoms of morale problems and the like, for individuals, group or the entire



class, so that remediation measures may be taken before rigorous disciplinary action is necessary.

2. Readings:

- 2.1 Woodruff, A. D. Op. Cit. Chs. 11, 12, 13.
- Berkowitz, P. H. & Rothman, E. P. "The Teacher and the Distrubed Child" in The Distrubed Child. New York University Press, 1960.
- 2.3 Patterson, C. H. "The Classroom Teacher and Emotional Problems of Children", in <u>Understanding</u> the Child, 1952, Chap. 21, pp. 67-72.

3. Activities:

- As the student-teacher presents a lesson in a high school class, have another student-teacher observe him. Is the observed teacher more prone to "punish" than the "average" teacher? Was he aware of pupils' emotional problems? Of their difficulties? Of the leadership patterns in the classroom? Was the class overly competitive? Cooperative? Was the class managed in a business-like way? In an overly restrictive way? Would the teaching style be classified as warm or impersonal?
- Have the members of the class role-play different teaching styles while other apprentice-teachers role-play pupils from different socio-economic groups represented in the city or pupils with different learning styles. This activity has two purposes: to learn the techniques of role-playing and to gain insight into pupil behavior.

Part II- Unit 8

Correlated Principles of Learning

- 1. No additions.
- 2. No additions.
- 3. No additions.



Part II - Unit 9 Providing for Individual Differences Applied Principles of Learning

- 1.1 Understanding the basic elements of the use of standardized test results enables the teacher to know his class better than might otherwise be the case. Especially important is that he be taught to interpret the cumulative record and that he also recognize the limitations of the information it contains.
- 1.2 Understanding how teacher observation of classroom performance, of the pupil in social situations, of the pupils' personal habits, of the pupils' ethnic, social, religious, etc. background can help the teacher to know the pupils' capabilities and limitations in learning.
- 1.3 The teacher should know the special methods used by classroom teachers in the urban schools for adapting to the instructional needs of sub-groups within the class:
 - 1.3.1 Gifted pupils enrichment
 - 1.3.2 Achievement deficiencies remediation
 - 1.3.3 Difference in interests specific activities correlated with interests in working on a project.
 - 1.3.4 Individualizing instruction programmed textbooks, etc.
 - 1.3.5 Integration of ideas and relating instruction to other parts of the curriculum team teaching.
- 1.4 The teacher should understand the grouping process in relation to instruction. Keeping the same groups throughout the course is ineffective. Some instructional activities require groups based on interests; other activities require groups based on achievement levels, etc. Groups are never homogeneous. When you attempt homogeneous groups on arithmetic achievement, for example, there will be wide differences among the pupils with respect to social skills, reading, etc. Perhaps the only area in which stable groups are justified is in grouping based on reading ability.
- 1.5 The teacher should realize that individual differences are provided for in the school at other organizational levels than the classrooms, e.g. the whole school system is based on a "grade" system determined by pupil age, under the assumption that most students at that age have similar needs and require comparable methods of instruction. Difference in curricula within the high school reflect the different interests of students such as vocational, business, college. In a real sense the high school is a combination of the graded and non-graded plans.
- The teacher should learn how to employ grouping practices, programmed learning materials, enrichments, remediation, team teaching, and other special teaching practices in conjunction with regular class work. He should do so smoothly, and with little disruption in classroom management by the transition from one procedure to the other.
- 1.7 The teacher should learn where to find and how to employ teaching



aids (textbooks, films, etc) that can be used for special groups of students in his subject matter area.

1.8 Learning to make sophisticated judgments of students for teaming of pupils, for grouping, etc. requires sophisticated observation and continual records of these observations.

Anecdotal records, test profiles, case studies of individuals, case studies of the performance of groups, etc. are all helpful.

2. Readings:

- Bush, P and Allen, D. A New Design for High School Education. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1964.
- 2.2 Worcester, D. A. The Education of Children of
 Above-Average Mentality. Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press, 1955.
- 2.3 Gordon, C. W. The Social System of the High School. Glencoe, Illinois: Free Press, 1957.
- Barker, R. G. & Grup, P. V. Big School, Small School:

 High School Size and Student Behavior. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1964.
- 2.5 Coleman, J.S. The Adolescent Subculture. Glencoe, Illinois: Free Press, 1961.
- 2.6 Clark, K.B. The Dark Ghetto. New York: Harper & Row, 1965.
- 2.7 Gallagher, J.J. Teaching the Gifted Child. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1964.
- 2.8 Hock, L.E. Classroom Grouping for Effective Learning. Education Leadership, 1961, 18, 420-424.

3. Activities:

- 3.1 Examine school and area plans for providing for individual differences. Such plans might be those used in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Newton, Massachusetts; etc.
 Evaluate the multiple provisions for special groups of students. What provisions are recommended for the culturally deprived? For the gifted? etc. What provisions were recommended that do not exist in the schools you visited or taught in this semester?
- Take a group (2, 3, or 4 students) in your class that are "special" (require remedial help or are typically unmotivated or are far beyond the achievement of the rest of the class). Attempt to teach them as a small group. Select whatever topic you wish or use any valid teaching procedure that you think will be useful. What techniques were successful? Which need improvement?

Correlated Principles of Teaching

- 1. No additions.
- 2. No additions.
- 3. No additions.

Part II - Unit 10 Evaluating Learning and Teaching

Applied Principles of Learning

- 1.1 The teacher should define evaluation in terms of making judgments and decisions:
 - 1.1.1 Understanding the components of evaluation: e.g., observation, recording, comparing, measuring, etc.
 - 1.1.2 Understanding the basic limitations of various evaluation procedures and instruments (objectivity and subjectivity).
- 1.2 The teacher should develop a broad view of evaluation as a distinct part of the learning-teaching process; e.g. that evaluations should be made in terms of the objectives of the secondary school, the specific curricular area or the concepts, skills, or attitudes being taught.
- 1.3 He should develop familiarity with the various kinds of evaluation instruments; e.g. standardized tests, inventories, questionnaires, etc.
- 1.4 He should acquire understanding about elementary statistical concepts and procedures; e.g. norms, standards, validity, reliability, and variance.
- 1.5 He should learn to construct classroom quizzes and examination items; e. g. essay, short answer, simple recall, association, discrimination, etc.
- 1.6 The teacher must understand the difference between group testing and individual examination.
- 1.7 The teacher must understand why certain kinds of evaluation instruments are adequate for certain purposes, but useless for others.
- 1.8 The teacher must understand that evaluations of cognitive, affective, and psychomotor aspects of learning require different techniques and procedures; e.g. cognitive processes (knowing) are best demonstrated (behaviorally) in problem solving (using knowledge); affective processes (attitudes) are best demonstrated in reacting (or acting) in situations which evoke attitudinal responses; and skills are best evaluated through monitoring performance of learners in a distinct context.



2. Readings:

- 2.1 Typer, L.E. Op. Cit.
- 2.2 Any of the Psychological Corporation or E. T. S. publications.
- 2.3 Buros, O. K. Mental Measurements Yearbook. (All editions) To be used for reference only, of course.
- 2.4 State Education Dept., Albany, New York: Improving the Classroom Test (a manual for classroom teachers).

3. Activities:

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- Construct a test comprised of multiple-choice and essay questions for one of the units you prepared earlier or for a unit you are now reading. Administer the test to your class. Examine its statistical characteristics (difficulty, item discrimination, distribution of total scores, etc.). Were you satisfied the test was useful? Why or why not? What can you do to improve the test? Was it a fair test for all subgroups in your class?
- Read the manual. Read an evaluation of it in Buros

 Mental Measurements Yearbook. Either administer it to

 some students or find their scores, if available, on
 the test from the cumulative record. How does the test

 "measure-up" in actual practice as opposed to the claims
 of the publisher and/or the criticisms of the reviewer?

 Would you use the test again? Why or why not?
- 3.3 In this unit each apprentice should made a rather comprehensive study of manuals on standardized tests. Specific attention should be focused on
 - 1) the kinds of measuring instruments.
 - 2) characteristics of measuring instruments.
 - 3) specific purposes of various measuring instruments.
 - 4) the appropriate criteria for selecting measuring instruments.
 - 5) strengths and limitations of various instruments.

Each apprentice teacher should outline specific procedures and instruments which he would use in evaluating a given unit of work. The outline (or chart) should include (1) evaluation procedures, (2) sample test items written by apprentice, (3) the specific realm of evaluation (cognitive, affective, psychomotor), (4) strengths of procedures or items and, (5) weaknesses and limitations of procedures or items.

Each apprentice should be allowed to try some of the test items written by him in a class which he has taught rather consistently during the term.

After administering one of his tests, he should score it,

and analyze the results in terms of variance, central tendencies, and item ease or difficulty, etc.

The apprentice teacher's instruments should be evaluated cooperatively by himself, his cooperating teacher, and the college supervisor.

3.4 Suggestions for a term project:
As an independent term project, it is suggested that each apprentice teacher be required to design at least one complete unit of work which encompasses all of the major components of teaching and learning which are considered in the course. This project would be done in conjunction with the special methods and special techniques phase of the college work.

Correlated Principles of Learning

- 1. No additions.
- 2. No additions.
- 3. No additions.

Appendix A

List of Films Available in School of Education, Pennsylvania State University

Television Utilization: Part 1. 30623 -- Television use in education. Preparation of class for viewing a TV education program. Part II 30624 -- Use of TV in elementary-secondary schools.

You're No Good. 30949 -- Dramatization of a high school drop-out; his frustrations and fantasies.

Angry Boy. FCR-2072-Boy is caught stealing in school Sent by understanding teachers to psychological clinic. Boy's emotional problems traced in investigating family life. Shows use of psychotherapy.

Appointment With Youth. 371-34 -- Shows preparation of teacher; learns to use new methods and approaches; improves work of "slow" students; guides unruly member of teen-age gang toward good citizenship.

Aspects of Individual Testing. PCR-2099.



Common Fallacies about Group Differences. 150-12

Discipline during Adolescence.

Fidelity of Report. PCR-95

Four Families: Part I. (301-12) -- compares family life in India and France. Part II (301-11) -- Comparison of Japan and Canadian family life.

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Learning and Behavior. PCR-2103 -- Principle of reinforcement.

The City and its Region. (30345) -- and the Future (30348) -- as Man's Home (30347)

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Classification of Materials. 20255N - Makes distinction between "channel" and "medium" as they apply to potentials and limitations of A-V materials.

Communications. 30565N - Teacher's role as a communicator.

<u>Creative Imagination</u> -- English. 40025 -- Unrehearsed class session in which teacher leads students to think creatively about a problem -- definition of democratic man.

<u>Creativity - The Project Approach -- English.</u> 30366 -- 12 grade English class. Variety of projects are undertaken by different students.

Current Events Through Instructional Materials -- Geography. 40627 Eighth grade. 1962.

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A World to Perceive. (30296)
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Improving Study Habits. 20235 -- Important skills contributing first steps in the learning process -- careful listening and reading, accurate comprehension and adequate note taking.

Individual Motivation and Behavior.30531 -- Individual motivation and behavior in groups. Why do people join groups, and why do some members block or dominate group action?

Inductive-Deductive Method -- Biology. 30364

Inductive-Deductive Method -- Mathematics. 40020

One Step At a Time. 30672 -- General introduction to teaching machine concepts.

Problem Solving -- World Affairs. 40018

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Defining the Good Reader. 10067

Effective Speeds. 10066 Vocabulary Skills 10064

Word Recognition Skills. 10065

Reading -- The Language Experience Approach. 20219

Review Lesson -- Biology. 40026

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We Plan Together. PCR-2085 -- Eleventh-grade pupils of Horace Mann-Lincoln School plan cooperatively a core program. A new student tells of his experiences and how they changed his outlook.

Appendix B

Additional References

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Appendix C

Supplementary Observations

Teaching method should emphasize different teaching-learning styles. If pupil is a concrete thinker, what is the consequence of using abstract-concrete (deductive) method? If the learner in urban areas comes from an environment in which discipline comes from figures outside of home should school set and enforce rules to maintain discipline - at the same time maintaining verbal and physical expression through opportunities for role-playing, etc.? Pupils (whether disadvantaged or not) do not have one learning style; teachers must not depend on one teaching style; teachers must be flexible.

Successful teachers may be buddies, disciplinarians, boisterous and flamboyant, intellectual, calm, dynamic, etc. A teacher-candidate whose personality is characteristically calm may not be able to identify with a supervising teacher who is boisterous or flamboyant. Teacher-candidates should observe how learning-teaching principles are employed by different teachers.

The inductive approach, while having the potentiality for producing self-direction and productive thinking, may be at a disadvantage when there is a discipline problem. The deductive method, owever, can be made dramatic. Both can and must be used.

Contacts with adolescents by teacher candidates should include observations of intergroup relations, behavior norms and abilities of urban youth. The program should include action-orientation (role-playing) and immediate reinforcement (knowledge of progress). Teacher candidate should have opportunity to examine and compare his norms with that of several subcultures that he might contact.

Teachers in language arts should have exposure to language dialectology; also to literature of minority groups. Teachers of Social Sciences should have exposure to a realistic examination of conditions that the pupil faces. In Math manipulative materials with strong audio-visual side and manipulations should be provided.

Field activities related to learning should be made within the framework of how to develop teaching strategies, how to develop readiness and for the preparation and orientation of subject-matter.

Illustrative examples of the process of learning should come not only from subject-matter areas but the world of work, college orientation programs for students who would not normally aspire to college, development of communication skills, and consumer and family skills. In order to lessen the degree of drop-outs emphasis should be placed on counseling; keeping a teacher with students for the entire year and spending time (2-3 hours a day with them) may provide opportunity for stronger identifications with adults symbolizing education; there is need for learning to work with parents and involving them in school activities.

